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Serial No. 10/606,482
Filed: 06/26/2003
For: PROCESS FOR HEAT TREATING CERAMICS AND
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE MADE THEREBY

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114 for the above-captioned patent application.
2. This request is being made prior to abandonment of the patent application.
3. On February 11, 2008, applicants filed a Response to Final Office Action of November 15, 2007, which has not been entered by the Examiner. Applicants understand that the filing of this RCE will result in the entry of the above-mentioned Response to Final Office Action of November 15, 2007.
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7. The total fees due are:

Continued prosecution fee (§1.17(e))	\$810.00
Claim fees	NONE
Extension fee for one month (§1.17(a))	\$120.00
TOTAL FEE DUE	\$930.00

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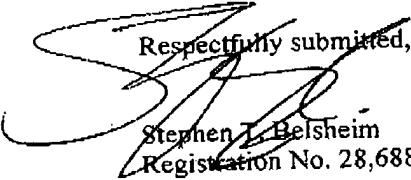
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